

Agenda

Welcome.....Terry Ewell

Introductions.....Kathryn Redden

Panel Members....Sharone Bailey

Kim Cooke

Eveline Cropper

Lisette Martinez

Rebecca Miller

Facilitator.....Kathryn Redden

Questions.....Audience

Closing.....Sandra Kleckner

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*Women of Wallops
Federal Women's Program*

Pioneering Women of the Eastern Shore

Panel Discussion

In conjunction with
American Heritage Week's

***Beach to Bay:
Celebrating the Eastern
Shore Way***

October 4, 2004

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

E-2, Williamsburg Room

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Sharone Bailey

Native Eastern Shore woman Sharone Bailey has recently opened the Center for Life Changes in Exmore, Virginia. A licensed clinical social worker, Bailey offers individual consultations, relationship counseling, family therapy, individual psychotherapy, and couples therapy. She believes that every human being possesses "the capacity to change and given the opportunity and a supportive environment, he or she can change."

Bailey holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Norfolk State University and a Master of Social Work Degree from Ohio State University. Her specialty involves working with women who are experiencing transitions in their lives and "want to get their lives back." With over 20 years of experience, Bailey has worked in most human service agencies on the Shore with children, adolescents, adults, and geriatrics in inpatient and outpatient settings. Prior to launching her private practice, she has served five years with the Eastern Shore Community Services Board as a mental health and substance abuse therapist.

Bailey, the daughter of NASA WFF retiree Mrs. Marcie White, has always possessed a deep interest in helping others. She is known for being a good listener, non-judgmental, and adept at helping people develop "tease out" their own best strategy for handling challenging situations.



Kim Cooke

Self-confessed beach bum, one-armed bandit enthusiast, and avid sports fan, Kim Cooke hails from Baltimore County. She has spent summers on the Shore since her 16th birthday and has lived here permanently since 1989, when she joined the staff as a human services provider at Go-Getters in

Salisbury.

Around 1997, she left that agency to serve as director of a residential treatment center in Delaware for at-risk teenagers who could not be successfully maintained at home. In 2000, she rejoined Go-Getters and is now the director of Transitions, an agency that serves as a refuge for abused children on the lower Shore.

Kim's dedication to "my kids" is evident in the humorous message in an anniversary card celebrating her fourth year as director. The words, written by her boss—the Executive Director of Go-Getters, read, "Your predictable love for the *unlovelies*, fierce defense of the indefensible, and steadfast disregard for incon-

venient reality serve to remind me of how things should be and what really matters."

Kim is a licensed clinical social worker and holds a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Sciences from York College in Pennsylvania and a master's in Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and provides foster care for animals from the local Humane Society.



Eveline Cropper

Eveline Cropper has enjoyed many firsts, some pleasant and some not so pleasant, including first born child of Gardner and Dorothy Cropper, one of the first five black students to integrate Mary Washington College, first black administrative employee at NOAA Wallops CDA Station, first in her class in Walter Reed Satellite Nursing Program, first non-commissioned black female officer (Staff Sergeant) to head the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard 115th Medical Unit, first black female on the Accomack County School Board, first black female Chair of the Accomack County School Board, first founder of Horntown Educational Learning Project, Inc. (HELP) and first chair of HELP's 15 member Board of Directors, first recipient of the Governor of Virginia's Champion in Education Award, first recipient of the NAACP's Education Award, and first recipient of Delta Sorority's Outstanding African-American Role Model in Education Award.

A licensed practical nurse, this busy lady works part-time at the Eastern Correctional Center in Westover, Maryland, and pursues a bachelor's degree in human services counseling at Old Dominion University, where she is a senior, and an associate's degree in theology, which she will receive in 2005, from the Christian World College of Theology—while working full-time at NOAA. She holds an associate's degree in general studies from Mary Washington College and is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society. Next year, Cropper plans to retire after 30 years of government service from her position as secretary to the station manager of NOAA.

This Horntown native is a licensed Minister and member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, and she thanks God for all her blessings.



Lissette Martinez

Lissette Martinez is an electrical engineer who began her government career as a Co-op student in WFF's Electrical Engineering Branch (EEB) in January 1991. contract. Currently, she leads a team in EEB and

serves as the COTR for the Wallops Engineering Services Contract. She also provides engineering support to the Range and Mission Management Office for the UAV program and supports the Wallops Frequency Manager.

Previously, Martinez has worked with the Sounding Rockets and GAS/SEM Programs. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, and a Masters in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. Martinez has been featured in the magazine *Latina* (November 2002). She has followed her dreams and achieved success as a female in a non-traditional career. She advises young girls, "Don't follow limitations imposed by today's society."

Martinez enjoys reading when her two toddlers allow for time-off from parenting. She is an active member of the Allen Memorial Baptist Church.



Rebecca Miller

Rebecca Miller, the mother of two teenagers, serves as Director of the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History at Salisbury University, in Salisbury, Maryland. The Nabb Research Center specializes in the collection and preservation of the documentary history and culture of the Delmarva Peninsula and serves as a research laboratory for university students, scholars, and lifelong learners. Since her appointment in 1995, after a career in law firm management in Los Angeles, Miller has expanded the small archival collection of approximately 600 books to over 6,000 and added almost a thousand reels of microfilm.

Miller has compiled and published many Somerset County record abstracts as well as individual family histories. She is a past board member of and holds a life membership in the Somerset County Historical Society, and she is past Regent and current Registrar of Nanticoke Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as a charter member of Old Somerset Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Colonists. Additionally, Miller participates in the American Association of State and Local History, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archivists Conference, Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society, and the Wicomico Chapter of Rotary International. Her current personal project is an article addressing the historiography of the settlement of Somerset County.

Miller, born in New York City, is the daughter of eleventh-generation Somerset County natives, and she is an alumna of Salisbury University (B.A., M.A.).

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